



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION FOR
WOMEN**

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Monday, May 13, 2013

10:00 AM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (13-2354)

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Call to Order. (13-2041)

President Veda E. Ward, Ph.D. called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Present: President Veda E. Ward Ph.D., Vice President Becky A. Shevlin, Commissioner Carolyn Aoki-Hyatt, Commissioner Ruth V. Creary Ph.D., Commissioner Dora de la Rosa, Commissioner Reiko Duba, Commissioner Norma L. Gallegos, Commissioner Gerda Govine Ed.D., Commissioner Charlotte Lesser, Commissioner Alice S. Petrossian and Commissioner Olivia G. Rodriguez

Absent: Commissioner Michelle Piñedo

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Approval of Minutes for the meeting of April 8, 2013. (13-1417)

After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Olivia Rodriguez, seconded by Vice President Becky A. Shevlin, and by common consent, there being no objection, the amended minutes were approved.

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2. Discussion and approval to allocate \$2000 from the Commission for Women's 2012-13 Undesignated Funds to the Scholarship Fund in order to provide a total of ten scholarships for this year; as submitted by Commissioner Ruth V. Creary, Ph.D. (13-1838)

Commissioners Ruth V. Creary, Ph.D. and Charlotte Lesser provided clarification on the history of the Commission for Women Scholarship Fund and its current state.

After discussion, on motion of Vice President Becky A. Shevlin, seconded by Commissioner Ruth V. Creary, Ph.D., unanimously carried, this item was approved to allocate \$2,000 from the Commission for Women's 2012-13 Undesignated Fund.

3. Approval of the 2012-2013 Scholarship recipients as submitted by Commissioner Alice Petrossian, Education Ad-Hoc Committee Chair. (13-2065)

Education Ad-Hoc Committee Chair Alice Petrossian provided a brief report on the 2012-13 Scholarship recipients and program.

After discussion, on motion of Vice President Becky A. Shevlin, seconded by Commissioner Ruth V. Creary, unanimously carried, this item was approved.

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4. Discussion and consideration of a \$1500 donation be made to the California Consumer Affairs Association for the Health Care Consumer Protection Summit held on April 23, 2013 that provided participants an opportunity to work together on initiatives to detect, prevent, and combat current and emerging health care fraud and related issues as submitted by Commissioner Lesser. (13-2104)

After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Charlotte Lesser, and by common consent, there being no objection, this item was continued to the August Retreat Meeting for inclusion in the 2013-14 Budget.

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5. Discussion and approval to pay Catering by Herach & Ara for expenses incurred at the "A Domestic Violence Breakfast Briefing" sponsored by the Los Angeles County Commission for Women and the Los Angeles County Domestic Violence Council, held on May 3, 2013, in an amount not to exceed \$231.91, as requested by Commissioner Olivia G. Rodriguez. (13-2204)

Commissioner Olivia G. Rodriguez provided an overview of the "A Domestic Violence Breakfast Briefing" event. She stated that the event was well represented by Deputies from the five Supervisorial Districts, as well as representatives from 17 shelter agencies.

President Veda E. Ward, Ph.D., commented on this item.

After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Norma Gallegos, seconded by Commissioner Ruth V. Creary, Ph.D., unanimously carried, this item was approved with payment being allocated from the Undesignated Funds.

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II. REPORTS

6. President's Report for April 2013. (13-1133)

President Veda E. Ward, Ph.D. reported that she attended the Pasadena Huntington Library Women's Seminar Series held on May 11, 2013. She also shared the 411 on 529s information flyer and stated that the program includes tangible information that can assist the Commission's efforts to fund education.

Following discussion, by common consent, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

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7. Monthly staff report by Emma De Jesus. (13-2043)

Emma De Jesus, Commission Services staff, reported that the Second, Fourth and Fifth District Supervisors has granted permission for the Commission for Women to express their support of the V-Day Campaign to end violence against women and girls. Fourth District Supervisor Don Knabe requested to be kept abreast of the campaign's developments.

Ms. De Jesus also announced the following: A Leadership Conference sponsored by the Quality and Productivity Commission (QPC) will be held on May 22, 2013 at the Music Center, and that QPC has extended invitations to the Commission. President Veda E. Ward, Ph.D. and Commissioner Gerda Govine, Ed.D., stated that they will attend the conference. The Office of Education is hosting a Job Fair on May 20, 2013 at 12830 Columbia Way, Downey CA. The Acknowledgement of Mileage Certification forms are to be completed and turned in by Commissioners who have not already done so.

She concluded by informing the Commission that on October 11, 2011, the Board of Supervisors approved and authorized the Auditor-Controller to enter into a Memoranda of Understanding with the State of California,

Department of General Services and Travel Store, Inc., and adopt a new mandate that would require County business travelers to use the agreement with Travel Store, Inc. for all travel services. Commissioners' travel must be approved and all reservations and booking of airfare, car rental and hotel stay must be made through the County's designated travel agency, Concur, at least thirty days prior to the event or date of travel. All airfare and travel expenses except for mileage where applicable will no longer be reimbursed, because discounts on airfare, hotels and car rentals will be applied at the time of booking.

Ms. De Jesus responded to questions posed by the Commission.

Following discussion, by common consent, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

8. Report on the Ad Hoc and Standing Committee meetings as submitted by Committee members:

Economic Development Committee
Education Committee
Public Relations/Social Media Committee (13-2044)

Economic Development Committee

- Vice President Becky A. Shevlin reported the Education Development Committee's teleconference did not take place. She invited Commissioners who are interested in joining the Economic Development Committee to participate in a brief discussion following today's Commission meeting.

Dr. Genevieve Clavreul expressed her concern regarding the look of the Commission for Women's logo.

Education Committee

- Commissioner Alice Petrossian reported in addition to the 10 scholarship recipients selected, the scholarship orientation program is complete. She concluded by providing the overview of the program.

Public Relations/Social Media Committee

- Commissioner Gerda Govine, Ed.D., reported that the Committee have selected three female artists, who will design the new logo. The Commission will select the winning logo from those submitted.

Staff will contact County Counsel regarding the process for changing the logo, and how to proceed with copy rights for any art work submitted.

Commissioner Ruth V. Creary, Ph.D. stated that she will provide a Health Ad-Hoc Committee report at the next regular meeting.

Following discussion, by common consent, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

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III. PRESENTATIONS

9. Presentation by Phyllis Walker on LUNAFEST *Short Films By, For, About Women*. (13-1635)

President Veda E. Ward, Ph.D., introduced Ms. Phyllis Walker and noted that Ms. Walker was one of her professors at the University of Redlands while she was pursuing her Masters' degree.

Ms. Walker gave a summary of her work experience with the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA), Zonta, her years as a volunteer, and her involvement with Lunafest short films. She stated that Zonta and Zonta International is a Global Service Organizational of Executives and professionals working together for the advancement of the status women through service and advocacy with more than 31, 000 members, and over 1,200 Zonta Clubs in 64 countries. Ms. Walker provided a Power Point Presentation on Zonta and Zonta International's impact in the advancement of the status of women's legal, political, educational, economical and health status rights globally since its inception in 1919.

Ms. Walker concluded by stating that she will be submitting a request for donation form to the Commission.

President Veda E. Ward, Ph.D. and Commissioners Govine Govine, Ed.D., Ruth V. Creary, Ph.D., Reiko Duba and Charlotte Lesser commented on this item.

Dr. Genevieve Clavreul commented on this item regarding a Zonta club in France.

President Veda E. Ward, Ph.D., thanked Ms. Walker for her insightful presentation on Zonta's impact in the lives of women.

Following discussion, by common consent, there being no objection, her presentation was received and filed, and her request for donation will be placed on the June 10, 2013 agenda for consideration.

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IV. MISCELLANEOUS

10. Commissioners' announcements for May 2013. (13-1421)

- **Commissioner Charlotte Lesser announced that she attended the 1736 Family Crisis 40th Anniversary Event on Friday, May 10, 2013, and the South Bay Volunteer's 40th Anniversary. She also toured the new Torrance Memorial Medical Center, and attended the John Tracy Clinic Event for deaf children and young adults. In addition, she stated her husband was honored as Alumnus of the Year by California State University-Long Beach's Nursing School. She concluded by stating she regrets that she will not be able to attend the Commission's June 10, 2013 meeting.**
- **Commissioner Olivia Rodriguez announced that she was a presenter at the "Women Against Gun Violence", and commended President Veda E. Ward, Ph.D. for putting the Workshop together.**
- **Vice President Becky A. Shevlin announced that she was appointed as Mayor Pro tem of the City of Monrovia's City Council. She was also appointed as a Commissioner on the Children and Family Commission. She also attended a Southern California Association of Governments Conference, and will be a presenter at the upcoming Elder Summit involving the YMCA and the be.group in July.**
- **Commissioner Norma Gallegos was recognized by the Mayor's Office for her service in the Northeast San Fernando Valley and was given a Service Award. She was also recognized by the Knights of Columbus for her volunteer work at the San Fernando Valley Food Bank. The Knights of Columbus also made food and financial donations to the Food Bank. She continues to work with the girls' softball league in the 3rd District.**
- **Commissioner Gerda Govine, Ed.D., was invited to the "Teens Fallen through the cracks" workshop; she was asked to be an in-house poet**

for "Aahoo Art Gallery" in Pasadena, and on Wednesday, May 15, 2013 she will read some of her poetry at the gallery at 7:00 p.m. She is also a presenter at Alliant International University's class on "Diversity in the Workplace".

Following discussion, by common consent, there being no objection, this

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Matters Not Posted

11. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting of the Commission, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (13-1422)

There were no matters presented.

Public Comment

12. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (13-1423)

Dr. Genevieve Clavreul shared several news articles with the Commission as well as her concern regarding Senate Bills: SB491 (Nurse Practitioners, SB492 (Optometrist) and SB493 (Pharmacist).

Following discussion, by common consent, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

Adjournment

13. Adjournment for the meeting of Monday, May 13, 2013. (13-1424)

On motion of Vice President Becky A. Shevlin, seconded by Commissioner Alice Petrossian, the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.